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Re: Consumer comments in favor of decoupling, Southwest Gas Company rate case,
#G-01551A-10-0458

Dear Chairman Pierce and Commissioners:

As a Southwest Gas customer I am distressed by the both the direct and indirect costs of energy and associated energy waste. Please support the adoption of both energy efficiency and decoupling in the Southwest Gas rate case.

The current prevailing system is not working for myself and others alike. I am an Arizonan who wishes to conserve energy and lower my utility bills. I am tired seeing billions of dollars and many jobs sent out of the state to purchase fuel for our energy needs. If we do not take action to restore the current system we are allowing ourselves to pay much higher energy bills due to the fact that utilities will buy more fuel from out of state and build more infrastructure (which we will pay for on our utility bills).

The current system financially rewards utilities for selling Arizonans more energy than is needed. The commission and the utilities should be helping Arizonans lower our energy bills, not let them consistently get higher. This will be possible if we increase energy efficiency as well as decoupling, which removes the utility incentive to waste.

As a ratepayer, I ask you to please support both decoupling and energy conservation.

Thank you very much for your time and consideration,

Chris Foldesh

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